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SUBJECT : DEMARCHE WITH UAE ON 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

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Y. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REFTELS, AMBASSADOR SPOKE TO  
MINSTATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SAIF GHUBBASH ON MAY 14 AND DCM SPOKE  
TO MIN LABOR AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS ABDALLAH MAZRU'I ON MAY 25 TO DISCUSS  
ISSUES BEFORE 63RD ILC DRAWING ON POINTS CONTAINED IN REF (A) IN SOME  
DETAIL.

2. MINISTER GHUBBASH REACTION WAS TO STATE THAT HE THOUGHT IT  
WOULD BE A GREAT MISTAKE FOR THE US TO THREATEN TO WITHDRAW FROM  
THE ILO. WHILE HE WAS READY TO ACCEPT OUR ARGUMENT THAT USG  
DID NOT SEE ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION AS EXAMPLE OF DUE PROCESS AND  
THEREFORE VIEWED IT AS A DISREGARD OF ILO INVESTIGATORY PROCEDURES,  
HE WAS NOT SURE THIS WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY MANY OTHER STATES. MORE-  
OVER, FOR THE US TO USE THE HEAVY CLUB OF "IF WE DO NOT GET IT  
OUR WAY, WE GET OUT" WOULD DO MORE TO WEAKEN ILO, BECAUSE  
OF DOMINANT ROLE US PLAYS IN ALL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS,  
THAN ARGUING WHETHER A PARTICULAR RESOLUTION WAS OUTSIDE  
THE SCOPE OF EXISTING ILO STANDARDS. HE THOUGHT THESE

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ISSUES COULD BE ARGUED OUT WITHIN ILO CONTEXT WITHOUT RESORT  
TO THE HEAVY HAND. GHUBBASH NOTED THAT THERE ARE MANY  
DIVERGENCIES OF OPINION IN INTERNATIONAL BODIES, INCLUDING  
UNITED NATIONS, BUT THESE DIVERGENCIES HAVE NEVER BEEN RE-  
SOLVED IF ONE OR MORE OF THE PARTIES REMOVE THEMSELVES  
FROM THE ORGANIZATIONS. OTHER THAN THAT, GHUBBASH DID NOT  
INDICATE WHAT UAE POSITION WOULD BE.

3. WHEN DCM LATER CALLED ON MINISTER OF LABOR MAZRUI, LATTER STATED THAT HE WOULD HEAD UAE DELEGATION, STAYING IN GENEVA FOR ONE WEEK. MAZRUI WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS ADVISOR, MR. BAKRI, AND THREE WORKING LEVEL REPS FROM MINISTRY OF LABOR. AFTER LISTENING ATTENTIVELY TO PRESENTATION, MAZRUI'S RESPONSE WAS THAT "AS AN ARAB STATE, WE MUST OF COURSE CONSULT WITH ARAB LEAGUE. BUT WE FAVOR A MODERATE POSITION. YOU MAY BE ASSURED WE WILL BE MORE MODERATE THAN OTHERS." MAZRUI COMMENTED THAT "UAE BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE IN ILO. WE DON'T EXPECT THIS SESSION OF ILO TO BE EXTREME. WE BELIEVE REASONABLE POSITIONS WILL BE TAKEN." MAZRUI ALSO COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT US HAD BEEN RIGHT TO TAKE ACTION IT TOOK IN 1975--THAT IT HAD BROUGHT KEY ISSUE TO THE FORE. FINALLY HE NOTED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH SAIF GHUBBASH, THAT THEY VALUED RELATIONS WITH US AND THAT HE WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO CONSULTING IN GENEVA.

4. COMMENT: DESPITE MAZRUI'S WORDS OF REASSURANCE, THE ARAB LEAGUE POSITION WILL BE GOVERNING FACTOR AS FAR AS UAE IS CONCERNED. UAE WILL NOT GET OUT IN FRONT; IT MIGHT OCCASIONALLY JUST NOT BE PRESENT, BUT IT WON'T BREAK RANKS IN OUR FAVOR.

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